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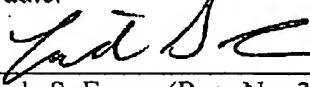
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Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2008. In the event any fees are required for the filing of this response, including in connection with any necessary extension of time (for which Applicant hereby petitions), please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of: the amendments to the specification, which begin on page 2 of this response; the amendments to the claims, which commence on page 3; and the accompanying remarks, which begin on page 7.